

---

# ◆ The Lamoine Quarterly ◆

---

Volume 8 Issue 1

Published Quarterly by the Lamoine Town Office

July, 2002

---

## Welcome Signs A Welcome Sight



*Boy Scout  
Richard  
McMullen  
(left) and  
artist  
Patricia  
Haugh  
pose with  
the new  
“Welcome  
to Lamoine  
Sign” on  
Douglas  
Highway  
on  
installation  
day, 2002*

(Lamoine) — Wow! That was the universal, initial reaction to the new “Welcome To Lamoine” signs installed this spring on Douglas Highway (Route 184) and Jordan River Road (Route 204) by 16-year old Richard McMullen. The project has been over a year in the making. Mr. McMullen initially proposed the idea to the Selectmen in

2000 for his Eagle Scout project, and won their enthusiastic support. He then had to line up installation of the sign posts, get permission from the Maine Department of Transportation and Operation Dig Safe to get the posts installed.

Meanwhile, Lamoine Consolidated School art teacher Patricia Haugh was recruited to paint the signs using the logo originally developed by former residents Whit & Dulcianne Vye for the town’s 125th Anniversary Celebration in 1995. The results were stunning! As Richard, his father Steve and good friend Lucas Carriere installed the hardware to hold the sign, traffic slowed and waved approval. For others it was the answer to the oft asked question regarding the fancy posts constructed to hold the signs. Richard will soon submit the paper work to the Boy Scouts of America for his Eagle Scout badge, making him the latest in a growing number of young men in Lamoine to earn Scouting’s highest honor.

## Assistant Clerk/Tax Collector Hired

(Lamoine) — Needles Eye Road resident Deborah Murray is the new assistant tax collector and assistant town clerk in Lamoine. The Board of Selectmen hired Mrs. Murray after interviewing a small pool of applicants for the part time job and officially began training in late June.

Mrs. Murray and her husband Conger have lived in Lamoine for 11-years. They have two grown children. She has held several office related positions in the past, most recently with an Ellsworth optometrist.

Her hiring will help cover vacation times and free up time for Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon to accomplish the tasks he’s required to do and found increasingly difficult to squeeze in around vehicle registration, license sales and tax collections. Mrs. Murray says she looks forward to dealing with the public in her hometown.

## Selectmen Propose Home Purchase

### *Landfill Blamed For Well Pollution*

(Lamoine) — The Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has pledged nearly \$50,000 toward the purchase of the Nathan and Marti Anderson home on Lamoine Beach Road as a final solution to the landfill well pollution problem. After years of study and debate, the Board of Selectmen signed a resolution pledging to call a special town meeting to deal with the matter.

Bob Birk of the DEP met with the Selectmen and the Andersons on several occasions this spring. The DEP is required to pay for 90% of the costs to supply the home with clean water. It was estimated an off-site well could cost about \$55,000 between exploration costs, legal fees, and actual installation of a well and electricity. The town would pick up 10% of the cost, or \$5,500. The initial estimate had been

\$25,000 for the project, and Selectmen favored the alternate well method.

The DEP reported back that it had forgotten to add in consultant fees, effectively doubling the price. At that point, the Selectmen felt it might be better to purchase the property outright instead of taking chances with a well that might work, and might not.

The Andersons, who have been most patient with the town over the years, have moved to St. Albans and would like to sell the house but are unable to because the water is not fit to drink. They requested the town and DEP either supply the home with clean water or purchase the home outright.

Any final decision is up to a town meeting vote. A special meeting will be held on September 26th at 7:00 PM.

## Metal Pile Closed For Good

(Lamoine) — Following inspection by the Department of Environmental Protection, the Selectmen of Lamoine have decided to stop collecting metal for recycling for good. The collection pad at the transfer station will be cleaned off this summer, and stained dirt from leaking fluids will be hauled away to an appropriate waste facility. Users of the transfer station apparently abused metal dumping

privileges by leaving motors full of anti-freeze and oil which leaked onto the ground around the pad. Earlier in the year a growing number of refrigerators were a concern.

Residents with appliances or other large metal pieces can obtain a permit at the Lamoine Town Office to throw it out in Ellsworth and be billed \$25/ton. The EMR transfer station in Southwest Harbor is also available for metal disposal.

## Town, Boynton Reach Settlement

(Lamoine) - Local businessman Russell Boynton Jr. will pay a \$400 fine, and sign a promise to not violate the Solid Waste ordinance of Lamoine in the future. The Selectmen cited Mr. Boynton with a violation for allowing the remnants of a garage to be brought to his land and subsequently burned. Hauling waste from off-site is prohibited by town statute without a permit from the Selectmen.

Mr. Boynton runs a metal recycling operation on his land off Asa's Lane, stripping steel and copper apart from refuse. His attorney, Frank Cassidy of Franklin, said Mr. Boynton would apply for a junkyard permit to continue that aspect of his business. The Selectmen agreed to the \$400 fine as a deterrent to future violations.



*Closed Forever*  
*A snow fence was installed around the metal pile after the decision to close it*

## Gott Site Plan Approved—Signed Under Duress

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Board of Appeals approved the Site Plan Review Application for Doug Gott & Sons, Inc., ordering the Planning Board to grant approval to the plan they had rejected several months earlier. Planning Board members signed a plan to be filed at the Hancock County Registry of Deeds under protest, saying he did not feel the site plan submitted complied with the ordinance.

In February, Gott filed the appeal of a January, 2002 Planning Board decision. The Board had rejected the application on four grounds, including the proximity to the closed landfill, failure to restore the current gravel pit operations in the area, and the impact on the natural landscape of the area. The appeal claimed the Planning Board has erred in its interpretation of the Site Plan Review Ordinance when it gave its reasons for denial.

Initially, the Board of Appeals had trouble fielding a quorum to hear the case. One member was an abutting landowner, another felt because his well is in the proximity of the closed landfill, he could not render impartial judgment. Another member is a competitor of the Gott company, and one member was perceived by the Gotts as being biased against the project. After consultation with municipal lawyer, it was decided to press ahead with the Appeals board hearing with 2 of the members

## Appeals Board Upholds Subdivision

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Board of Appeals upheld the Planning Board's approval of a subdivision proposed by Michael Woodard and Dexter "Pete" Briggs on Partridge Cove Road. The 11-unit subdivision is called "The Old Schoolhouse".

Neighboring landowners Gerald & Iris Simon and Laura Harmon had appealed on the basis that the entrance road leading into the proposed residential lots was too narrow according to the Building and Land Use Ordinance. They contend the road should have to be 34-feet wide to

accommodate two 9-foot travel lanes and two 8-foot service lanes. The developers noted that would make the road wider than any highway that exists within the town, let alone any subdivision road.

After two nights of hearings, the Appeals Board upheld the permit grant with two slight modifications. The developers will have to install two turnouts along the subdivision road to allow for emergency vehicle use, and they'll have to build the road to a 4:1 slope. The appellants did not pursue the matter further into the Superior Court System.

## Miro Gravel Removal Proposal Clarified

(Lamoine) — Landowners Ralph & Mary Miro met with the town's Planning Board in June to clarify what they wish to do with land on the east side of Douglas Highway. The area was left scarred by previous mining activity closed down when the Miro's failed to obtain state and local mining permits.

In a letter to the Planning Board, Mr. & Mrs. Miro said they intend to use the land and the gravel on it for charitable

purposes. They indicated that those needing gravel would be allowed to take it in return for a donation to the charity. The Planning Board reminded the Miro's that any extraction greater than 500 cubic yards in a year would require a gravel extraction permit.

An application for a gravel mining permit was filed in March, but withdrawn following voter rejection of changes to the Land Use Ordinance.

## Selectmen Order Septic Permit Revoked

## Planning Board Rejects Boat Storage Expansion

who had expressed a conflict.

After two nights of essentially hearing the case from its beginning, the Board of Appeals found that the application met the standards set forth in the Site Plan Review Ordinance. Its decision noted that it shares the concern of the Planning Board in regard to pit restoration. The Appeals Board then met with the Planning Board to present its determination. Two members of the Planning Board voted in favor of issuance, and 3 abstained.

## Busy Quarter for Buildings

(Lamoine) - Code Enforcement Officer John Holdsworth issued the following construction permits:

#	Name	Type
7	Stewart Workman	Home Occupation
8	Stan Bachman	Deck
9	Mark Munsell	Residence
10	Jessie Butler	Addition
11	Dan Norwood	Addition
12	Ron McGlinchey	Residence, Shop
13	Harald Huebner	Garage
14	Debora McNeal	Garage
15	M. Jaegerman	Addition
16	Richard Jordan	Garage
17	Lawriston Wilson	Porch
18	John Holt	Addition, Garage
19	Scott Brown	Garage/Day Care
20	Fred Stocking	Residence/Home Occ.

(Lamoine) — Lamoine's Board of Selectmen requested that the town's Plumbing Inspector revoke a septic system permit issued to John Burns. An investigation by the Department of Human Services found the system was improperly designed, and was sited too close to the high water mark on Raccoon Cove, and the soils did not meet the acceptable guidelines for a septic system.

The head of the Division of Health Engineering met with the Selectmen to discuss the situation. Russell Martin reported that the site designer had erred, and had written to Mr. Burns to tell him of that error.

The town issued the permit in July 1999 at Mr. Burns' insistence. He has twice sued the town in federal court over refusal to issue plumbing permits for the land. The town prevailed in both cases.

21	David Crane	Deck
22	L. Bobinchock	Deck
23	Richard Ladeau	Deck, Garage
24	Eugene Farrin	Addition
25	Robert Pentland	Shed
26	James Crotteau	Residence
27	Ronald Simons	Residence
28	C. MacDonald	Deck
29	A & J Pettegrow	Residence
30	T & E Robertson	Addition, Deck
31	Laurence Lovett	Deck

A building permit is required for all structures greater than 100 square feet.

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Planning Board turned down the owner of a boat making and storage business for an expanded storage area. Carlton Johnson had sought a Site Plan Review permit from the Planning Board. After an initial public hearing revealed some problems involving a property line, Mr. Johnson submitted plan revisions in May.

At its meeting in June, the Planning Board voted 3-to-2 to oppose the permit application, saying it qualifies as an industrial activity in a mainly residential neighborhood in the Rural & Agricultural Zone. Mr. Johnson has 30-days in which to appeal the decision.

## Ordinance Changes Passed

(Lamoine) — Learning a special town meeting would be held in late June, the Planning Board assembled a list of changes to the Building and Land Use Ordinance designed to be non-controversial, and to clear up ordinance language. The biggest impact of the changes will be the way in which the Board of Appeals will operate. Presently, thanks to a supreme court ruling, Appeals Boards must act "de novo" or as if its considering a new application in its entirety. With the ordinance changes, the Appeals Board focus can narrow to specific areas of contention. Voters swiftly passed the packaged of changes

## State Budget Shortfall To Affect Town

(Augusta) — As the state ends its fiscal year in the red by \$115-million, the shortfall effect is starting to be felt by communities. The initial reduction notification came from the Maine Department of Transportation which will reduce local road funding by \$1,689. That represents a 6% reduction in road funding, and is not expected to greatly affect the town.

The bigger cuts have yet to be calculated, but involve General Purpose Aid to Education and Municipal Revenue Sharing. Both of those reductions will be reflected directly in property taxes when the tax rate is figured by the Board of Assessors.

State revenues are off sharply due to the downturn of the stock market and the resulting low capital gains tax collections. The Governor's office has submitted plans for dealing with the \$115-million dollar shortfall for the year that ends June 30th 2002 and for at least a \$90-million dollar shortfall for the next fiscal year.

## Tax Increase Likely To Run 15-Percent

(Lamoine) — Property tax bills are likely to rise 15% when they come out in April according to preliminary estimates. Final

## Special Meeting Deals With Budget, Interest

(Lamoine) — A town meeting in late June raised the interest rate on unpaid taxes for the coming year, and authorized additional expenditures for the Planning Board and Parks & Recreation.

At the regular town meeting in March, voters approved a 6.75% interest rate for unpaid taxes as authorized by the State Treasurer. The Legislature subsequently passed a bill that allows for a 2% increase in the interest rate, or 8.75% because the rate had fallen 4% from the previous year. The Selectmen felt the higher rate would act as a better incentive to pay taxes on time and called for the special

meeting.

The two budget matters dealt with relatively small items to be funded without raising property taxes. The outhouse built at Lamoine Beach Park (see page 4) cost \$3,000 which was not budgeted. That money will come from the town's surplus which is expected to end the year at a healthy level.

The Planning Board endured a great deal of expense dealing with various subdivision, site plan review and gravel pit applications. All required advertising and certified mail expenditures that pushed beyond the budget.

## Town Expected To End Financially Strong

(Lamoine) — New vehicle sales will help offset losses in other categories and keep the budget well in the black for the fiscal year. In late June excise tax collections were \$12,000 above budget for the year. That just about offset the less than budgeted gravel sales that were restricted when the Planning Board limited extraction activities near the old landfill.

A supplemental tax bill of over \$20,000 helped enhance income on paper, though it has yet to be paid in full. That will help offset the less than expected income from investment income. That amount dropped sharply when banks lowered their

interest rates. It's expected the town will earn about \$7,500 less interest than budgeted. Interest on unpaid real estate taxes, though, is higher than budgeted.

On the expenditure side, none of the budgets will have a significant surplus to add to the general fund. As mentioned in a previous article, the Planning Board budget is running in the red. The Solid Waste budget is also very close to the margin at year's end thanks to higher than budgeted recycling costs, and increases in trash weights sent to the PERC plant in Orrington. It's estimated the surplus account will end the year at about \$275,000.

figures are not yet in from the State of Maine in regard to municipal revenue sharing and General Purpose Aid to Education. Additionally, the Board of Assessors is still compiling tax valuation figures on new construction from the previous year, and a higher than expected increase will help lower the mill rate. The rate for FY '02 was 11.75 mills. The rate for FY '03 should be around 13.5 mills. That means a \$100,000 property would pay \$1,350 in property taxes.

## Tax Liens Filed

(Lamoine) — The town has filed tax liens at the Hancock County Registry of Deeds on 47 -pieces of property for which the property taxes have yet to be paid. The liens represent \$30,925 in unpaid taxes. The biggest unpaid tax bill by June 10th was for \$2,562.67, the smallest for \$5.99 for a taxpayer who's payment arrived late and did not include interest.

The number of liens filed is 10-more than last year, and worth about \$5,000 more than the unpaid taxes from 2000. Of the liens filed in 2001, only 13 remain unpaid, worth about \$6,660.94. Those liens will mature in December, 2002, and the town would automatically foreclose on property taxes that remain unpaid. The liens filed in 2002 will mature in December 2003. All banks and others with interest in properties that have a tax lien have been notified by certified mail as required by state law.

## Assessments Appealed to County, State

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Board of Assessors will appear before the Hancock County Commissioners on a tax appeal by landowner John Burns. The Board denied an abatement request by Mr. Burns who claimed his property value was diminished by revocation of a plumbing permit (see page 2). The Assessors said that because the septic system in question was in place on April 1, 2001, the land should be valued at a building lot price, and refused the abatement request. Mr. Burns initially applied for a building permit on the land, but did not supply adequate information to the Code Enforcement Officer to be permitted to build a residence on the land. The County

Commissioners will make the final determination at a hearing in July.

In late August, the State Board of Property Tax Review will take up an appeal by J. Aubrey Davis of a Tree Growth Penalty. The Board of Assessors billed Mr. Davis over \$19,000 for using land taxed under tree growth rates for a gravel pit, and failure to inform the town that the land was being removed. Mr. Davis has filed an appeal with the State Board, which will hear evidence in Augusta. The penalty was imposed in August 2001, and Mr. Davis chose to pay only a portion of the bill. The town has placed a lien on the property for the outstanding penalty.

## Mowing Job Awarded

(Lamoine) — Richard McMullen (see picture page 1) may earn his first million before he graduates from high school. Showing enterprise, Mr. McMullen noticed the town hall lawn had not been mowed and offered to perform the work. The Selectmen quickly took him up on the offer and also awarded him the job of mowing Lamoine Beach Park. McMullen and his parents operate the business as Richard's Lawn Service which is a subcontractor to the town. Their company has expanded to mow many private lawns around town.

## Trash Pickup Resumes At Parks

(Lamoine) - With a settlement finalized between the town and Russell Boynton Jr. (see page 1), Mr. Boynton has resumed his trash services to both Lamoine Beach Park and Bloomfield Park. Placement of barrels was later than usual this spring due to the pending action between the Town and Mr. Boynton. Selectmen agreed to a new price schedule with Mr. Boynton which was a separate issue from the illegal dumping dispute. The barrels and trash bags returned in late June.

## Lamoine Beach Outhouse Meets ADA

(Lamoine) — Outhouses have become quite a sophisticated endeavor these days, and it was no small feat to install one at Lamoine Beach Park. Thankfully, the resources to do it were right in Lamoine.

The project began with a call from the Maine Veteran's Home in Bangor. An activities director said the Vets like to visit Lamoine Beach, but the porta-potty was not accessible to wheelchairs. The Americans with Disabilities Act requires that such facilities be handicapped accessible, so the decision for the Selectmen was whether to offer bathroom services, and it was felt that was the responsible thing to do.

First to the rescue was Lamoine State Park manager Jay McIntosh. He obtained plans for outhouses from the Department of Conservation which the town used for specifications. Resident Ralph Murphy was next. Recently let go by



Bangor Hydro, Mr. Murphy was eager to construct the project. Haslam Septic's Bob Merchant arranged for installation of the privy tank, and plumbing inspector John Holdsworth did the leg work on getting the proper permits for a privy.

The outhouse was completed on June 22nd, and arrangements are being made to service the facility, including a weekly cleaning and re-supply with bath tissue. The project cost about \$3,000.00.

## Illegal Dumping Plagues Transfer Station

(Lamoine) — Your *Lamoine Quarterly* editor is pretty handy with a chainsaw at times. It proved useful at the transfer station after two skidder tires appeared one day though the station was closed. The tires are

blocks, mattresses, and trash bags left by the gate from out-of-town residents. In the latter case, very pointed letters were mailed to the household trash violators, threatening to prosecute for littering if the practice

## Speeding Drivers A Hazard to Tree Crew

(Lamoine) — When Harald Huebner and John Carroll showed up on the town hall steps one afternoon in June, they looked beat. Cutting and chipping trees all day is hard work, but it was the mental beating from discourteous drivers that took the real toll. Huebner and Carroll were trimming trees back on Buttermilk Road and reported numerous drivers refused to slow down in the work zone, and some even sped up as they whizzed by.

The Hancock County Sheriff's Department showed up and provided a bit of a deterrent as they parked outside the work zone, but the speeders returned as soon as the patrol car left. Thankfully, the trimming only took 3-days. Huebner also trimmed back trees on Berry Cove Road, Raccoon Cove Road and Needles Eye Road this spring.

## State Rejects Grant

(Augusta) — A request by the town for a study of the boat launching ramp at Lamoine Beach was rejected by the Maine Department of Transportation. The town applied for the study under the Small Harbor Improvement Project. The cement & rebar ramp is in poor repair, but is usable at times. The town wanted to find out what options for repair

too big to put in the dumpsters whole, so Pine Tree Waste suggested cutting them into quarters and putting a quarter of a tire in each dumpster. That's just one example of the extremes the town has to go through to deal with waste left illegally at the transfer station.

Station manager Allen Sternfield reports that the problems apparently occur during closed hours when the station is unmanned, and the gate locked. Other problems that arrived were un-drained engine

continues. The mattresses were removed to the Ellsworth Transfer station at town expense which should have been paid by the disposer. The engine blocks will be removed when the metal pile is gone, but anti-freeze and oil poured onto the ground which will cost the town a big chunk of change for dirt cleanup. Substantial fines are an option if one is caught dumping illegally.



*Three mattresses appeared during closed hours at the transfer station, just one of the increasing illegal dumping problems at the facility.*

meeting approved funding the paving job this year, and the bid price should come in slightly under the \$25,000 budget.

The contract was awarded to DiCenzo construction of Calais, but DiCenzo has subcontracted with the Lane plant which is located in Hancock. It's not know when exactly the road will be paved, but supervisor Roger Picard expects it should be sometime in early July. Trees were trimmed back on the road to aid in passage of vehicles and trucks on the road.

While voters rejected resurfacing MacQuinn Road, Harold MacQuinn, Inc. had some leftover material and voluntarily paved a portion of that road.

might prove most feasible. Several other communities in the area received grants for water access projects.

## Street Sweeping Awarded

(Lamoine) — Lamoine resident Perry Fowler submitted the low bid for removal of winter sand buildup. Fowler has swept the streets for several years with a combination of power brooms and a plow-mounted broom. Other bids came from George Crawford of Lamoine and Downeast Supervac of Carmel.

Fowler began sweeping in April, and almost saw the effort go for naught when a couple of late season snowstorms hit the town. The weather was warm enough that the plow contractor did not have to drop sand.

## Route 184 Update

(Lamoine) - Survey crews have begun work on the design portion of the Route 184 rebuild. The work will actually commence on Jordan River Road (Route 204), then proceed to an area just west of Asa's Lane.

The Selectmen have asked the Maine Department of Transportation to hold an informational meeting in November to explain what the project will entail. Landowners along the road have been contacted by DOT officials to let them know about the proposed design.

## Raccoon Cove Road Paving Planned

(Lamoine) — Lane Construction Company will pave Raccoon Cove Road this summer. The road was first paved when it was rebuilt in 1993. The now 9-year old pavement has started to crack slightly as a relatively thin coat was placed after rebuilding. Town



## State Issues Citation To Salt/Sand Pile

(Lamoine) - The Maine Department of Environmental Protection has issued a notice of violation to the town's snow plowing contractor regarding its salt/sand storage pile. According to the letter, inspectors found that salt/sand had spilled off the pad, and it remained uncovered, both violations of the salt pile laws.

The violation was issued to Nankervis Trucking, which leases the location of the salt/sand pile on the Needles Eye Road. A company official reported in late June the spilled over salt/sand was removed and a tarp placed over the remaining material. The company expects to expand its pad in the fall. Nankervis finished up the first year of a 3-year contract this spring with very few glitches.

While the company has a temporary storage area, the town's public works study committee is looking at options for a more permanent solution to salt/sand storage in the future.

## Cable Television Company Upgrades Lines

(Lamoine) — Cable TV provider Adelphia Corporation has sent some reassurance to the Town that it will survive shaky corporate times and continue to provide TV service to Lamoine residents. Adelphia's

## New Ballfield Opens for Baseball, Softball

(Lamoine) — By all accounts, the new athletic fields in Lamoine are keepers. The first official baseball and softball games took place in April as the Lamoine Consolidated Lions opened their season against the Beach Hill Bucks. Coaches and ballplayers from both schools remarked how much they liked the field, and what great shape it's in.

One of the driving forces behind the field, local contractor Richard King (see photo) threw out the first pitch in a ceremony to start the initial game. Selectman Tom Spruce's son Cody was the catcher for the ball-team. Coach Carlton Johnson sold the land the ballfields were built on to the town many years ago.

The baseball team had a pretty good season, finishing with the 2nd best record in the Union 92 league, but losing in the first round of the playoffs to the eventual champion, Surry. The softball team fared



### *Here's The Windup*

*Richard King, who's name adorns the new ballfields, threw out the first pitch for the inaugural game between Lamoine and Beech Hill in April*

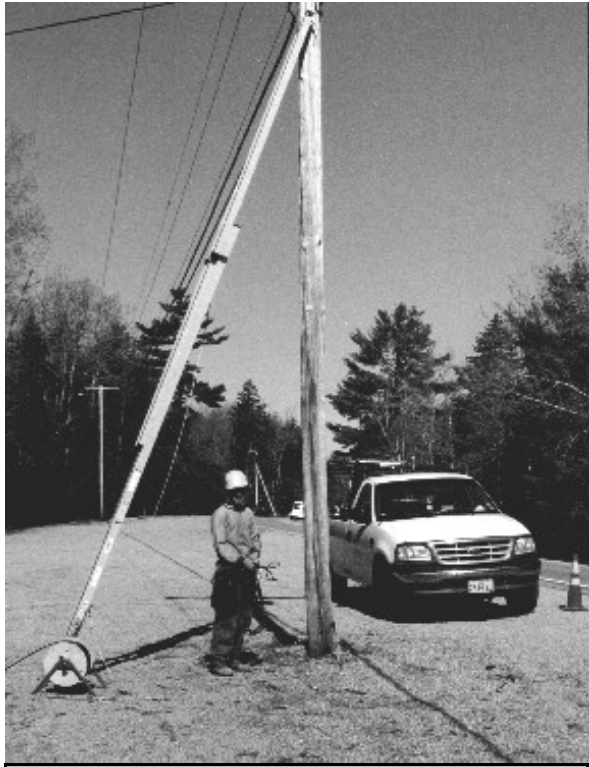
*Photo Courtesy of Rachel Hartley-Johnson*

better. After losing two regular season games to Hancock, Lamoine knocked off their close rivals in the 1st round of the playoffs, and beat Surry to win the championship game.

## Friends of State Park To Meet July 10th

(Lamoine) - The fundraising arm for beautification projects at Lamoine State Park

net worth has plummeted and it was delisted by NASDAQ after it was revealed that the company's founders were using incomes for personal matters, and the company was understating expenses. The company filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on June 26th.



*Despite serious financial problems at the corporate level, Adelphia replaced its cable lines from poles to homes this Spring.*

Meanwhile, in Lamoine, Adelphia went through the first phase of re-wiring the town for cable TV. Crews replaced lines coming from utility poles into homes so that

purchase audio and video equipment in order to be able to broadcast events from the town office and the school, and to provide a town bulletin board service on a separate channel. That aspect of cable is still several months away, awaiting the rest of the re-wiring for the town.

## Public Works Study Continues

(Lamoine) — While still many months away from coming up with a final report, the study committee appointed to explore the public works needs and options available to Lamoine has begun work. Ken Smith of Lamoine Beach Road was selected to chair the steering committee. The steering committee is made up of 6 people who agreed to be chairman or vice-chairman of a sub-committee. The sub committees are studying solid waste, transportation, and town facilities.

Among the areas under exploration are what land might be available for a public works facility, what equipment and personnel the town would need to do its own winter and summer road maintenance, and what means might the town employ to optimize its solid waste and recycling program.

The committee's next meeting is slated for July 9th at 7:00 at the town office. The committee might survey town residents to get their input.

will meet on Wednesday, July 10, 2002 at 6:30 PM at the State Park. The annual meeting is to select officers for the coming year, and to take care of business matters that must be attended to.

The Friends group has been relatively dormant, though park officials have used money in the Friends account to plant flowers and buy firewood for sale to campers.

Anyone may attend the meeting, and the Friends are always looking for new folks to help volunteer in the park.

## Fire Department Auction Aug. 16th

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual auction on Friday, August 16th 2002 beginning at 6:00 PM at the Lamoine Consolidated School. Once again auctioneer Chas Hare will lead the bidding on goods and services donated by area businesses and individuals.

The fire department is always looking for useful items to auction off. People interested in donating may contact any firefighter or the Lamoine Town Hall to make arrangements for a drop off.

Money from the auction will go toward the department's portion of the purchase of new turnout gear. A fund raising letter mailed this spring to property owners was very successful.

## Fire Department Spring Was Very Busy

(Lamoine) — The fire department responded to 15-complaints last quarter, a sharp increase in calls, but very few involved fire. Automobile accidents led the list.

The most bizarre accident also took out a fire hydrant. Mandy Latchaw, 20, lost control of her vehicle on Douglas Highway and it went into the fire pond across the street from Chief Skip Smith's home. Ms. Latchaw got out as the car went in back end-first and was not seriously injured. Damage to the hydrant may exceed \$1,000. Other accidents were reported on Douglas Highway, Lamoine Beach Rd, and Partridge Cove Road.

A pair of equipment fires brought quick response. A burst hydraulic line at a the John Goodwin crushing plant off Lamoine Beach Road ignited that piece of machinery. Firefighters used foam to extinguish it. A welding spark that got into an oil pan on a skidder owned by James Awalt set that piece of equipment on fire near the woods off Partridge Cove Road. Again, firefighters put foam on the blaze and brought it under control.

High winds caused a couple of calls,

one for a tree down, and one for an assist for the rescue boat to retrieve a boat the broke its mooring at Lamoine State Park.

A broken washing machine hose cause a small flood at a Lamoine Beach Road home in May. The homeowners had been away when the hose burst on the 2nd floor, filling the ceiling and part of the basement with water. A leaking propane tank observed by a passing jogger in April also brought a quick response. A dryer fire in the Birch Haven trailer park caused some smoke damage. The trailer was actually located in Hancock, but Lamoine was first on the scene, and the fire was out on arrival.

A wildfire of unknown origin was reported on Lamoine Beach Road. Response was very quick as firefighters were just returning from a training burn and the lead pumper was rounding Lamoine Corner as the call came in. Another un-permitted burn was quickly extinguished on Googins Lane and the occupant was advised he needed a permit.

## Mud Creek Reopens to Harvesting

(Lamoine) - The Department of Marine Resources has lifted a ban on shellfish

cleared up. It was believed the source might be an old outhouse still in use during the



### *Retiring The Colors*

*Cub Scout Pack 88 sponsored an official flag retirement ceremony at Lamoine State Park on June 22nd. Here scout Willie Dickey holds the separated stripes, parent Mike Arsenault holds the stars, while Staff Sgt. Paul Spencer explains the ceremony to the rest of the pack*

## New Turnout Gear Arrives

(Lamoine) — Firefighters in Lamoine are now protected better for fighting fires. A dozen new sets of turnout gear (coats, pants, suspenders, gloves, hoods) arrived in late June to replace aging equipment. Town meeting approved the purchase of \$5,000 worth with the Fire Department pledging to match the purchase. The Selectmen approved a plan where the Fire Department would pay up front to take advantage of a discount, then be reimbursed.

harvesting near the Mud Creek Bridge. Tests in 1998 showed pollution in Mud Creek, forcing the state to close the area. Testing over the years indicated the pollution had not

## Town Postpones Line Survey

(Lamoine) - After receiving an estimate of nearly \$10,000, the Selectmen have decided to postpone a full survey of the town line with Trenton. It was decided there was not enough money in the current year's budget to cover the costs. The Selectmen in Trenton did not object.

## New Light For Town Hall Flag

(Lamoine) - Proper flag etiquette requires that if a flag is flown at night, it must be illuminated by a spot light. A flood light on the southern side of the town hall partially illuminated the flagpole, but not adequately.

AA Electric has now installed a flood light on the lawn with a photo cell to highlight the flag after dark. Additionally, an outlet was installed on the light for those occasions when outdoor power is needed for maintenance projects at the town hall. The project was completed in June, and cost approximately \$200.

summer. Plumbing Inspector John Holdsworth has contacted the landowner and ordered that use of the outhouse cease. The flats reopened in late June.

## Dog Bites Two Cyclists

(Lamoine) — Animal Control Officer Harry Louder is investigating two dog bite complaints on Partridge Cove Road. Both of the victims were riding bicycles and the dog ran at them as they rode by and bit each on the buttocks. It's believed the dog owner will be summoned to court for allowing a dog to roam at large. The dog also must be quarantined for 10-days following the bite. The owner was cooperative with authorities.

## Summer Schedule

(Lamoine) - The Board of Selectmen will meet formally just once during the months of July and August. The July meeting will take place on the 18th at 7:00 PM, and the August meeting will be held the 15th at 7:00 PM. Anyone with business to bring before the Selectmen should contact the town office at least a week prior to the meetings. The 1st meeting in September will take place on the 12th, the 2nd on the 26th will be in conjunction with the Special Town Meeting at the school.

## Well Survey Raises Eyebrows, But Response is Good

(Lamoine) — Planning Board member Mary Ann Orzel admitted a well survey mailed to homeowners in May could have been worded better. She said the intention was to offer to come to a person's home to pick up the survey instead of making a threat to those who chose not to respond. One letter referred to the survey takers as the "Eco-Nazis".

Nonetheless, response was pretty good according to Orzel. The board will begin the process of compiling the data on well depth and yield for planning use. With the comprehensive information from most parts of town, the Board and the Conservation Commission will have an idea where water resources are best, and where development pressure could have an impact on existing wells.

The data will also be compared to the famed "Gerber Report" which initially did a well survey many years ago, and gave the town an idea of where it's biggest ground-water resources are located. That report is often referred to when making planning decisions. It's not yet known when a final report will come from the latest well survey, but summarized results should be available to the public.

## Boston Post Cane Goes To Arthur Vidito

(Lamoine) — The Boston Post Cane came back to the town office when previous holder Arnold Salkaln moved away to Franklin. It is traditionally presented to the oldest town citizen, and the new recipient is Arthur Vidito of Lamoine Beach Road.

Mr. Vidito turned 94 in January and attended the Selectmen's meeting with his wife, children and siblings. Selectman Chair Jo Cooper who's also the president of the Historical Society, said she was proud to present the gold-topped cane. Mr. Vidito said he was pleased to receive it, but said he didn't plan to use it any time soon. He recalled for the Selectmen how he used to work in Boston and would read a billboard of headlines put up by the Boston Post.

## Four From Lamoine Graduate With Honors

(Lamoine) — Congratulations to the following students who graduated from high school with honors in June:

**Lindsey Tewell** (Ellsworth High)

**Joseph Arnold** (MDI High)

**Shawna King** (MDI High)

**Richard Sprague** (Sumner High)

Each graduate will get a certificate from the Selectmen offering congratulations.

## Town Recognizes Employees, Volunteers

(Lamoine) — A pot-luck supper to thank the many people who work for and volunteer for the town was pretty well attended in May. The Selectmen and School Committee collaborated to invite the dozens of people who give of themselves through community service. The list grew to about 140-people, and about 60 were able to attend dinner.

Selectman Chair Jo Cooper addressed the group, thanking all for their efforts to make the town a better, safer place.

Special thanks go to Lisa Crosby who made each invitee a scroll certificate thanking them for their community service. Those who were unable to attend are invited to come to the town office to pick up their certificate.

## Art Show Set for August 10th

(Lamoine) — The 3rd annual Lamoine Art Show & Sale in Lamoine is set for Saturday, August 10, 2002 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Rain date is Sunday the 11th. There is no judging, and no fee to display art works. It will be held at the Lamoine Historical Society Building on Lamoine Beach Rd. Contact Joan Bragdon (667-7956) or Kate Berry (667-5087) for info.

## Deputy Harbor Master Named

(Lamoine) — Gerald Ford (not the former president) is the new deputy harbor master in Lamoine. Mr. Ford lives on Seal Point Road and offered his services to assist Harbor Master Bill Pinkham.

Mr. Ford and Mr. Pinkham both attended the annual Harbor Master school in Castine to receive training. They plan to plot out a more accurate map of the harbor area in front of Lamoine State Park.

## School Teachers Swap Grades in Fall

(Lamoine) — The names are the same, but the grades are different at the Lamoine School next fall. Fifth and 6th grade teacher Laurie Davis will teach 4th grade, replacing Carol Duffy who will teach at the middle school level. Sixth grade teacher Linda Brooks will get the 5th grade assignment. The school also welcomed Leah Treadwell who will teach first grade for a year while Sherry Young is on maternity leave.

## Births Outnumber Deaths Last Quarter

# Mascha Litten Honored For Braille Work

(Bangor) — Bangor TV Station WLBZ has honored former Lamoine resident Mascha Litten with a “Those Who Care” award. Mrs. Litten passed away in August of 2001, but her work to help the blind will live on forever.

Litten and co-recipient Jeannette Thulin transcribed books into Braille for 40-years, including 15-years here in Maine. They were also honored for their work with the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen, and the Eastern Area Agency on Aging. Mrs. Litten also volunteered for Hospice of Hancock

County. She was one of the organizers of the annual Lamoine Art Show and Sale (see article above). She was a very proficient sketch and water color artist.

Mrs. Litten was also a regular contributor to Selectmen’s meetings, attending on a fairly regular basis. She served the town when it came up with its policy on outside organization funding requests. She lived with her husband Walter on Dean Lane, and the house remains in the family, though Mr. Litten has moved in with their son.

## Town Officials Appointed, Re-hired

(Lamoine) — You won’t see many new faces around the town office in the next year, and that, to swipe a line from Martha Stewart, is a good thing. The Board of Selectmen renewed contracts with Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon, Transfer Station Manager Allen Sternfield and Code Enforcement Officer John Holdsworth. All other paid, appointed officials were also reappointed by the Board. The town has enjoyed a very low turnover rate in the past few years. Mr. Marckoon and Mr. Sternfield both begin their 10th year with the town this summer. Mr. Holdsworth became a fully certified CEO this spring.

## Good Turnout For Primary Election

(Lamoine) — Some hot races in both major parties brought out the voters on June 11th. Turnout among registered Republicans was 55%. Democrats sent 42-percent of their registered voters to the polls.

Unenrolled voters could not vote for candidates, but did vote on a pair of bond issues.

Winning in Lamoine in the biggest contested races were Republican Kevin Raye for Congress (the race is being recounted), Peter Cianchette for Governor, and Democrat Sean Faircloth for Congress. Faircloth lost the full primary to Mike Michaud.

(Lamoine) — The stork was busy delivering to Lamoine for the 2nd quarter of the year. The town welcomes **Aidan William Goller** who was born May 3rd in Ellsworth. He’s a resident of Linden Lane.

**Jordan Robert Watts** was born on May 15th in Bar Harbor. He lives on Buttermilk Road.

**Isaac Wayne Robbins** was born on May 20th at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor. He’s a resident of Francis Drive.

**Sydney Lois Jean Mitschele** will have a lot of honorary aunts and uncles at the firehouse. She was born June 1st in Portland. Mom & dad, Jason and Margaret Mitschele are both members of the fire department.

**Robert Douglas Garland** was born June 11th in Blue Hill. He’s a resident of Douglas Highway.

Three of marriages to celebrate. **Christopher Weaver and Michelle Hackett** were married on May 25th by Rev. David Henry at Lamoine Baptist Church.

**Aaron Piacentini & Lynn Gilpin** were married June 6th in Lamoine by notary M. Thomas Carter.

**Tom Brutsaert & Rachel Hopkins** were married on Ash Lane by Deputy Town Clerk Stu Marckoon on June 29th.

Lamoine lost three residents during the quarter. **Pauline Pelletier** Birchlawn Drive died April 3rd. **Robert Karst** of Walker Road died on May 20th, and **Phronia Bohner** of Seal Point Road passed away June 6th. They’re sadly missed by family, neighbors and friends.

# July 2002

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2-7PM Planning Board	3-7PM Assessors	4-Office Closed 7PM—Fire Dept	5	6
7	8-10AM Postal Workers	9-7PM Public Works Study Cmte.	10-Friends of State Park 6:30 PM	11-7PM Fire Dept	12	13
14	15-7PM School Committee	16	17	18-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept.	19	20
21	22	23	24	25-7PM Fire Dept.	26	27
28	29	30	31			

# August 2002

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1-7PM Fire Dept.	2	3
4	5	6-7PM Planning Board	7-7PM Assessors	8-7PM Fire Dept	9	10-9AM Art Show @ Historical Society
11	12	13	14	15-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept.	16-Fire Dept. Auction 6PM at School	17
18	19	20	21-Office Closed, Vacation	22-7PM Fire Dept.	23	24
25	26	27	28-Office Closed, State Tax Board Hearing	29-7PM Fire Dept.	30	31

# September 2002

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2-Office Closed (Labor Day)	3	4-7PM Assessors	5-7PM—Fire Dept	6	7
8	9-7PM School Committee	10-7PM Planning Board	11	12-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept	13	14
15	16	17	18	19-7PM Fire Dept	20	21
22	23	24	25	26-7PM Town Meeting 7:30 PM Fire Dept	27	28
29	30					

## The Lamoine Quarterly January 2002

### Inside this issue:

Special Town Meeting Set  
 Assistant Clerk Hired  
 Metal Pile Closes  
 Appeals Board Approves Gott  
 Septic Permit Revoked  
 Taxes to rise, again  
 Assessments Appealed  
 New Outhouse Opens  
 Illegal Dumping Problems  
 Ballfield sees baseball season  
 Salt/sand pile cited  
 Mud Creek Reopens  
 Flags Retired  
 Boston Post Cane Awarded

*And much, much more!*

Town of Lamoine  
 606 Douglas Highway  
 Lamoine, ME 04605

1 1 1 2 2 3 3 4 4 5 5 6 6 7